

Manchester Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 19, 2022

Location: Virtual

In Attendance: David Saunders, Co-Chair, Dana Vermily, Co-Chair, Jay DiBiaso, Freddy Cicerchia, and Terry Cowman

Not in Attendance: Amy Coleman and Sue Centner

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

- 1) Minutes of September 14, 2022, approved by vote
- 2) Welcome Jay DiBiasio to committee
- 3) Review of key projects.
 - a. DPW
 - i. Infrastructure plans for 2022 – discussed coordinating projects with Complete Streets initiatives – Dana/Freddy
 - ii. Work continues on School Street water main relining through October – opportunity for CS work, exploring bike lanes and sidewalks – Dana/Freddy
 - iii. Get details on plans for Pleasant Street water main/repaving/sidewalks and CS integration – Dana/Freddy
 - iv. Shared Streets - Norwood/Brook/Washington corridor and Pleasant Street – \$50K grant funding now expected in November for Spring - Dana/Terry
 - b. State DOT/Government - Rt.127 - sidewalks, marked bike lanes, speed limits - and EV charging at MBTA.
 - i. Freddy met with Rep. Belsito to discuss these initiatives
 - ii. Added request for funding Harbor Street/127 intersection improvements for next fiscal year.
 - iii. Freddy to follow up by next meeting
 - c. Walk and Bike Friendly Town Initiative
 - i. Upper School Street to Lincoln to Summer bike lane, entry signage, and potential redesign of School Street – ongoing discussion. Dana
 - ii. Discussed Library response to and promotion of Book Club on active transportation - David
 1. Possible continuation of the program
 2. Discuss how to grow this discussion
 - d. Grant opportunities – all
 - i. Town Planner position vacated, follow up for replacement – Terry
 - ii. DOT/SRTS/MAPC – explore these sources for funding – all
 - iii. CPC funding – brainstormed a variety of potential requests such as:
 1. More bike racks
 2. Trail mapping
 3. Retain/restaurant support to stimulate bike and walking to downtown
 4. Helmets or bike support
 - e. Education and Advocacy
 - i. Safe Routes to School
 1. In-School programs at Memorial, MS and HS – nothing new - Terry

2. Routes to School – Marking Safe Routes to School in town through geocaching and signage, kit from SRTS (Judy). No update. David
 3. Continue in-school programs, crossing guards, and newsletter. Sue
 4. Promote kids riding to school safely – group from Rockwood Heights/Pleasant Street. Cricket, SRTS, social media. Dana, David, Terry
 5. Connect with PTO for bike and walk promotions in spring. Terry
- ii. Promote Bike Safety
 1. Cricket articles, social media, page and community survey on town website – connecting with town communications director. Sue/David
 2. Library Touch a Truck event on 9/24 was big success for helmet handouts. Terry
 3. Captain Dusty’s and PD combined for helmet and ice cream coupon event
 4. Follow up with PD about new helmet grant - Terry
 - iii. Bike Rack Placement. Terry/Dana
 1. 5 of 12 have been placed, others to follow, following ConCom review.
 2. Opportunity to publicize bike racks.
- 4) Coordination/updates with DIP, OSRC, 375th Committee, Planning Board, MassBike and MBTA
 - i. DIP – funding for engineering concept obtained. Terry
 - ii. OSRC – no update. David
 - iii. Planning Board – no update. David
 - iv. MassBikes – bike light campaign under way - Terry
 - v. MECT – no update - Terry
 - vi. MBTA – EV charging at train station – Rep. Belsito has requested funding for 4 - Terry
 - 5) Other community, town committees, and government issues related to our agenda – nothing new to report.
 - 6) Set next meeting – 11/16/22 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by: Terry Cowman, on behalf of Manchester Bike and Pedestrian Committee

Approved by Vote of Committee 11/16/22